

Trysil, Orsa, October 15, 1947

Dear Stu

I just had your letter of Oct 10 and thank you for same. With regard to Billy's mechanism, I will gladly make a try with it here. It is of course impossible to say beforehand if there could be done any business with it or not, but if you can get me a model, I will investigate.

With regard to the patent situation, Billy can rest assured that we would not dream of swiping it. But on the other hand, if we were to take up the manufacture, we would probably not want to finance any considerable patenting of the device, but try to sell it without any patent protection in most countries. This is now only my first reaction, but I have the feeling that one can very easily overdo patenting. If we can do anything with the device, we will pay Billy a royalty on things sold, so if he is willing to let us make a try, then please ask him to send a model. If possible, it would facilitate matters for the entry in Sweden, if it could be sent care the US Legation. Art's successor Major Welsh might be able to handle this.

As to the salt gadget, I know less than nothing about such matters, but if Billy or John cares to write me fully about it, I will answer, if I or somebody better placed could do anything about it here.